

REMARKS

Applicant has considered and studied the Office Action dated December 16, 2004. Claims 1-13 were pending. Claims 8 and 9 were allowed. Claims 1-7 and 10-13 were rejected. Claims 1-7 and 10-13 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added with the amendment to the claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

§102 Rejection

Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Shimamura (US 2004/0231873). Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 10-12 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 10-12 is now moot.

Claims 1, 5, 10 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Liang (US 4,760,456). Claims 1, 5, 10 and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1, 5, 10 and 13 is also now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8 and 9 were allowed.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections of the claims and issue a notice of allowance.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have expressly argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references

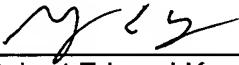
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number (213) 623-2221 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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